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TAGS: PARM KE UK  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FURTHER ARMS REQUESTS FROM KENYANS

REF: NAIROBI 1570

1. FCO HAS TOLD US THAT THEY HAVE HAD NO FURTHER WORD FROM THE KENYANS REGARDING THE HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION WHICH THE KENYANS PROPOSED TO SEND TO THE U.S. AND UK, NOR IS IT CLEAR WHO THEY PROPOSED TO SEND ON THE DELEGATION. DURING A RECENT CONVERSATION WITH WAIYAKI, THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER TRIED TO ELICIT SOMETHING ON

THE TRIP, BUT WAS GIVEN NO INFORMATION.

2. SHOULD THE VISIT TAKE PLACE, THE FCO THINKS THAT THE KENYANS WILL RAISE THE SUBJECT OF FURTHER MILITARY SALES AND, THEREFORE, PRIOR TO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE  
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KENYANS, THE BRITISH FEEL THAT COMPARING NOTES WITH THE U.S. WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL AND WOULD AVOID POSSIBLE DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.

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3. IN ADDITION TO OTHER EXCHANGES, THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE HAS ASKED THE DEFENCE COUNSELLOR IN WASHINGTON

(PETER JEFFS) TO RAISE THIS WITH APPROPRIATE USG OFFICIALS AND PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON UK ARMS SUPPLIES TO KENYA.

4. FCO GAVE BRIEF SUMMARY OF RECENT ARMS SUPPLY AGREEMENTS WITH KENYANS:

-- AGREEMENT HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY COMPLETED AND SIGNED, FOR SUPPLY OF ONE SQUADRON OF HAWK AIRCRAFT, FOR DELIVERY STARTING IN 1979.

-- CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED FOR THE SUPPLY OF: ANTI-TANK GUNS, TANKS, RADAR, AND SOME STANDARD ITEMS LIKE HOWITZERS AND MORTARS. DELIVERY FOR MOST OF THESE HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED OR IS NOW IN HAND; TANK DELIVERIES, HOWEVER, DO NOT START UNTIL MID-1979. (AND WILL BE THE FIRST TANKS THE KENYANS WILL HAVE.)

5. THE BRITISH HAVE FOUND A CERTAIN LACK OF COORDINATION AND SOME UNEASINESS AMONG THE KENYANS, WITH VAGUE WORRIES ABOUT SUPPLY SLIPPAGES AND DELIVERY DATES, ALTHOUGH NOTHING HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE AMISS.

6. FCO HAS NO DOUBT THAT KENYANS MAIN FEAR REMAINS SOMALIA.

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